

NEGRO SOLDIERS PROMOTED. SOAPSUDS NO GOOD.

The Giving of Commissions to Brave Colored Soldiers Causes Comment Among Army Officers.

Some comment has been made in army circles over the appointment of several negroes from the Tenth cavalry regiment to be commissioned officers in the two immune regiments now serving in Cuba.

It was the Tenth cavalry that rendered such gallant services in front of Santiago and came up at a critical time when the rough riders were in a perilous position. These negroes all conducted themselves according to official reports made at the time, in most soldierly manner, and many of them are said to have deserved the rewards they received.

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The negro soldier, he stated, had the same right to stand the competitive examination held yearly at Fort Leavenworth for selection from the ranks of the regular line, but this right has been seldom taken advantage of, and in no case has a negro been commissioned in this manner.

Previous to the war there was but one negro officer, and he secured his commission on graduating some years ago from West Point. There are now, however, seven, all serving in colored immune regiments ordered to Cuba in the early autumn. As these regiments are included in the volunteer organizations all the colored officers appointed will return to the ranks when the regiments are no longer required for service and can be mustered out.

ABANDONED BY HIS FIANCÉE.

Captain McIntyre Dealt Another Blow, This Time in the Heart.

Rev. Dr. J. C. McIntyre, the dismissed navy chaplain, is suffering from another blow, it gossip at Denver says true. He has not only lost his place in the navy and in a certain sense his honor, but he has also lost one of the prettiest girls in New York.

This young lady, it is said, was soon to become the wife of the minister, but as soon as he was found guilty by the naval court-martial that tried him his fair fiancée canceled the engagement and sailed away to Paris, where she is now said to be consoling herself with new scenes. Dr. McIntyre, so the story goes, met the young woman in Washington society. Her social position is excellent, and she is independently rich and in her own right. The friends of the chaplain positively refuse to give out the name of the young lady, but it is said that she resides in one of New York's most fashionable quarters, and that her relatives in Washington are of very high standing.

HOUND BATTLES WITH A WOLF.

Dog Comes to the Rescue of Colorado Cow Herder in Nick of Time.

A cow herder, Mike Sullivan, encountered a large gray wolf at Prospect lake, near Colorado Springs, Col., the other day while attending to his cattle. Armed only with a club, he pursued it a short distance, when it turned on him. He flourished his club, but the beast snarled and refused to retreat. The two were but a few feet apart, and matters were getting quite serious for the man. At this juncture a Russian wolf hound appeared and a fierce fight followed.

The hound was shaken off and the wolf escaped into the lake, but returned to shore soon, as the water was quite cold. The fight between the wolf and the hound was renewed. This time the latter fastened onto his antagonist's neck and held it until a few well-directed blows from a club ended the struggle.

GEN. SHAFTER'S VIEWS.

Declares That He Is "Totally Opposed to Woman Suffrage"—Thinks Politics Belongs to Men.

The meeting of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs in New York city gave a local paper the idea of interviewing Gen. Shafter, who is at Governor's Island, on woman suffrage. The general said:

"I am totally opposed to woman suffrage—decidedly and totally opposed to it. I think that the men look after the women and they are the ones to attend to political affairs. It is not a question of lack of competency, but I think that on general principles women ought to keep out of politics, and, indeed, some men as well. I have voted but once in 30 years, and have no desire to do so. I never discuss politics, but do not hesitate to express my opinion on this."

The Skunk a Friend to Hop Growers. The much-despised and maligned skunk has at last found friends who respect, cherish and encourage him. They are the hop growers of New York state, who find the skunk their main reliance in keeping down a very destructive grub which otherwise would ruin their crops.

Welcome with Religious Ceremony. The first train across Siberia has reached Irkutsk and was welcomed by a religious ceremony.

EXPERIMENTS PROVE THAT THEY WILL NOT QUIET THE WAVES.

Captain of an Ocean Steamer Makes Public the Results of a Series of Tests—Always Found Oil Inefficacious.

Capt. H. Gathemann, of the North German Lloyd steamship Oldenburg, has just made public the result of a series of experiments with oil and soapsuds in quieting the sea in the vicinity of the ship during a storm.

He began his experiments in December, 1879, on a voyage from Baltimore to Bremen, and used vegetable or whale oil to good advantage. He allowed the oil to drop from a series of buckets arranged in the bow of the ship. The wind at the time was west-northwest, with a very rough sea. The speed of the ship was about 12½ knots; the temperature of the air was 48 degrees Fahrenheit and of the sea 57 degrees. Presently the waves, which had been breaking over the ship, became remarkably quiet, and the sea within several hundred yards of the ship became calm. The captain used about 2½ pounds of oil in an hour during this experiment. He thought that if there was occasion other negroes might be advanced, but not otherwise.

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In January, 1898, Capt. Gathemann began trying soapsuds.

The mixture consisted of 10 pounds of green soap and 40 pounds of sweet water and, as in the case of the oil buckets were used, from which the soapsuds dropped into the ocean. The wind was north by west, the speed of the ship over 12 knots and the temperature of the air and sea about the same as in the experiment with the oil. The soapsuds could be plainly seen floating on the surface of the water until a wave struck them and then they quickly disappeared. No quieting effect was noticeable on the sea, however, and when the buckets were empty they were quickly filled with oil and presently the sea again became calm.

Capt. Gathemann reports that he has experimented with soapsuds several times during his voyages this year, but never found them efficacious and always resorted to oil with good results.

ATTACKED BY A SAVAGE LION.

Frank C. Bostock, Manager of a Zoo, Is Rescued from Death by a Woman.

Frank C. Bostock, manager of the Hagenbeck zoo, which wintering at Kansas City, Mo., was terribly bitten and lacerated by Brutus, the big lion which has already maimed several men. He was saved from being killed by the energetic action of Mme. Planka, the lion tamer.

At the afternoon's rehearsal, just prior to the public performance, Mme. Planka had trouble with Spitfire, a sulky lioness, and called Bostock to her assistance. Bostock entered the cage cracking his whip and striking at Spitfire. As he did so Brutus, with a savage roar, sprang upon him, sinking his teeth to the bone in Bostock's thigh and lacerating the victim's back terribly with his claws.

Mme. Planka fired several blank cartridges from her revolver full in Brutus' face and was about to fire the one ball cartridge when the beast loosened his hold. Mme. Planka then threw her arms about the animal's neck and held him while Bostock was removed from the cage by attendants. Bostock, while dangerously hurt, will probably recover.

A GAY BEGINNING.

Lord and Lady Curzon Arranging for Balls, and Evening and Dinner Parties in India.

Lord Curzon of Kedleston, the new viceroy of India, and Lady Curzon start for India on December 16. They evidently intend to make a lavish beginning of their hospitality, as they have already ordered 10,000 ball programmes, 5,500 evening party cards, 1,500 garden party cards, 2,000 dinner party invitations, 5,500 "at home" cards, and 1,300 menu cards.

It appears that before assuming the title, young Curzon called upon Baron Curzon, the title borne by Earl Howe, head of the Curzon-Howe family, and asked him if he objected to his so doing. The baron said he had no objection if Curzon undertook to be known as Baron Curzon of Kedleston and allowed the title to drop when he succeeds his father as Lord Scarsdale.

WEDDING ON A HIGHWAY.

Guests Asked to Wait While the Ceremony Takes Place in Another County.

William H. Webb and Miss Angelina Kensel were married upon the public highway near Farmer City, Ill., the principals sitting in a carriage, while W. C. McMurray, a justice of the peace, occupied a buggy nearby. The bride's home is in Piatt county, and it was intended that the wedding should occur there. The groom, however, inadvertently procured the license in De Witt county, and, to be legal, the ceremony had to be performed in De Witt. The bride, groom and justice accordingly asked the assembled guests to excuse them for an hour, while they drove over the county line. As soon as the party reached the opposite county the horses were halted and the binding words uttered. The three then returned to the bride's home.

BRINGS RELICS FROM CUBA.

Leonidas Ordered to Washington with Souvenirs of Santo Domingo.

Orders were sent from the navy department to the commander of the Leonidas, at Norfolk, to bring that vessel to Washington to a great quantity of valuable relics of this war, and particularly of the naval battle of July 3, may be transferred to the national museum.

The Leonidas has a number of five-inch rifles aboard and all the ordnance of the Maria Teresa except the big 11-inch turret guns, which could not be removed without lifting the turrets off the ship. The museum authorities have made arrangements for the display of the relics in an advantageous position.

MISERABLE POVERTY IN RUSSIA.

Statistics just published show that in Russia only 347,268 families out of a population of about 130,000,000 souls have an income of over \$500 a year, or that practically more than 99 per cent. of the whole population are constantly in a state of abject poverty and pauperism in their various degrees. The figures become appalling when one considers the case of the peasantry, which forms the overwhelming majority of the population. The average yearly income of a peasant family consisting of six members ranges from \$60 to \$75 a year, out of which between \$25 and \$35 has to be paid to the government in direct taxes.

Un certain lot de terre, ensemble avec toutes les bâties et améliorations qui s'y trouvent, et toutes les droits, voies, priviléges et dépendances qui y appartiennent, dans le District de la Nouvelle-Orléans, dans l'île St. Claude, ancienement Bonnifant Montagné, Presses et Marais maîtrises, à l'angle de la rue Donau et de la rue St. Claude, sur un plan de 100 pieds par 100 pieds, dédié au 16 juillet 1898 à l'office de l'Octave de l'Assomption, notaire public en cette ville, à la date du 16 juillet 1898, à la suite de la vente à l'affaire d'enchères, à la partie ouest de la rue St. Claude, au bord de la rivière, sur une profondeur de cent huit pieds de face à la rue St. Claude, sur une ligne de face de 100 pieds par 100 pieds.

Salé dans l'affaire ci-dessus.

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ANNONCE JUDICIAIRE.

Vente de lots de terre de Valeur dans le Sixième District.

Mme Veuve Jeanne Henriette Gardeanne et als vs Jeremiah Lyons.

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Vente d'une Propriété Améliorée et de Valeur dans le Troisième District.

Connue par le No 1723 de la rue Douane, entre les rues Derbigny et Claborn.

Peter Johnson vs J. Madison Vance.

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